(1) why the Registrar of Co-operative Societies did not promptly settle the 'Departmental dues' due from him;

(2) when was the amount realised;

(3) what was the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(1) The amounts were due from some of the Societies. Since the Committee members of Societies changed every year and since the invoices, etc., were not correctly filed by the Societies they had to be addressed and reminded more than once for payments. A major portion of the amount was realised. Seeing that it would take more time to realise the remaining amount also from them and since the Government wanted to close the accounts the balance amount was paid by the Registrar himself.

(2) In Kumbham 1109.

(3) Rs. 74—12—7.

Purchase of a time-piece—Payment-vouchers for.

244. Mr. K. T Mathew:— Referring to Question No. 252 of 8th August last, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the voucher pertaining to the purchase of time-piece referred to ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The cancelled voucher and the acknowledgment proper are placed on the table.

Direct Anchal service to and fro Cochin and Travancore.

245. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if any negotiations have been held with the Travancore Government with regard to a direct Anchal service to and fro Cochin and Travancore towns of Alleppy, Quilon and Trivandrum;

(b) if so, what has been finally decided ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (a) No fresh negotiations have been made. There is already a direct service *via* Arur between Cochin and Ernakulam on one side and the Travancore towns of Alleppey, Quilon and Trivandrum on the other. The feasibility of possible improvements in due course will also receive attention.

(b) Vide answer (a).

Bhajana Madhom of the Depressed Classes— Utsavam expenditure.

246. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ:— താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ദേവസ്വമെമ്പർ ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ;